# The world's 3rd biggest plastics fair opened its doors in Tüyap

Plast Eurasia Istanbul, the platform where the latest technology machinery and products are exhibited, opened its doors for the 31st time. Held on 23 and 26 November at TUYAP Istanbul Fair and Congress Centre with 1,087 exhibitors from 41 countries, the exhibition showcases the latest technology products of the plastics industry.

The exhibition that brings together the producers, manufacturers, raw material suppliers, distributors, wholesalers and dealers in plastic machinery, moulds, cooling systems, machinery sub-industry, heat and control devices, recycling, hydraulic pneumatics, raw materials and chemicals, rubber sectors, and that draws attention as one of the largest plastics industry exhibitions organised annually in Europe. Plast Eurasia Istanbul International Plastics Industry Fair, the largest plastics fair in the region, which has no competitors in Turkey, opened its doors to its visitors for the 31st time on Wednesday, 23 November.

In the exhibition, which keeps the pulse of the sector in cooperation with the Turkish Plastics Industrialists Research, Development and Education Foundation (PAGEV), visitors will have the opportunity to get to know all the innovations in the sector, the latest technology machinery and products on the same platform and will have the chance to test the latest technology products of the plastics industry.

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Speaking at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, TUYAP Fair Group Chairman Bülent Ünal said: "Our experience in the exhibition organisation sector has taught us to listen and understand each other. We have always endeavoured to realise the goals we set out with great patience, and I believe we have achieved this today. Our ability to overcome the negative effects of the pandemic today stems from our belief in each other. We have become the third fastest recovering country in the world in fair organisation. We have organised very important exhibitions in this process. One of these is the Plastics Industry Fair, which we organise together with PAGEV. In last year's fair, we achieved the figures of 2019, and this year we aim to complete our fair with a 17% growth in participation and visitors from hundreds of countries. I would like to state that we are currently the 3rd largest plastics fair in the world. On this occasion, I wish everyone to have a fair period in which their expectations are met".

## Recycling technologies are exhibited

Abdulwahap Al Sadun, General Manager of GPCA Gulf Countries Petrochemical Manufacturers Association, said: "I am pleased to be with you at the 31st Istanbul Plastics Industry Fair. It is very pleasing to see such a nice meeting here today. Today, the concept of green economy is increasing its impact. Recycling all wastes and bringing them into the economy has a very important value in terms of sustainability. To discover these technologies, I am personally very excited to visit the section prepared for this at Plast Eurasia".

### -Plast Eurasia Istanbul in a nutshell: Produce Value!

Yavuz Eroğlu, Chairman of the Board of PAGEV, expressed his thoughts at the opening ceremony as follows "Plast Eurasia, which started many years ago when the plastics industry was still small, today ranks third among all exhibitions in the world and second among the exhibitions organised every year. This is a great achievement; we would like to thank everyone who has worked for the exhibition from the beginning and today we celebrate the 31st anniversary of our fair. As PAGEV and TUYAP, if our voices are louder today, it is because we can say that we have made this effort and we have held this fair for 31 years. The promotion of our fair continued very strongly throughout the year. Yesterday, we held an important congress hosted by TUYAP with the participation of ministry officials for our plastics industry. Our whole perspective can be summarised in a single sentence: To produce value! With these feelings and thoughts, I wish our fair to be auspicious again".

### Director of CCI Board, Şekib Avdagiç participates in the opening event

Şekib Avdagiç, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Chamber of Commerce of Istanbul (CCI), who officially opened the exhibition, said: "It is very important for us that the exhibition has reached such a successful point within this period of time. I would like to thank TUYAP, the organiser of the exhibition, and PAGEV, which has demonstrated its visionary approach by carrying three important issues such as research, development, and education under the name of the foundation. This fair will make significant contributions to the country's economy as well as the plastics industry. In this way, we will try to carry Turkey and Istanbul to a very different point in terms of fair organisation. I would like to thank all our exhibitors and visitors, and I present my respects to all of you" and cut the opening ribbon.

#### More than 65 thousand visitors expected

Last year, more than 900 purchasing delegations from 39 countries, 60 thousand 742 visitors from 99 countries, 852 exhibitors from 39 countries took part in the exhibition. This year, Romania, Czechia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq, Morocco, Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Algeria will be at the exhibition with the procurement delegations of the Ministry of Commerce. More than 65 thousand visitors are expected from over 123 countries including Germany, USA, Belgium, China, Denmark, Finland, South Korea, India, Netherlands, Spain, Israel, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, and Iran.

The exhibition can be visited between 10 AM and 7 PM for four days, until 6 PM on the last day.